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Rome, September 19.

PRince Borgheſe having receiv'd the Viſits of the Sacred College, in Quality of Ambaſſador Extraordinary of Spain, with great Magnificence; has himſelf been to Viſit ſeveral of the Chief Officers of this Court. He has alſo paid a Viſit *incognito* to the Venetian Ambaſſador, who has not yet appear'd in Publick. Yeſterday the Prince went with all his Coaches and a very numerous Retinue to his laſt Audience of the Pope, who receiv'd him with all the Demonſtrations of Eſteem, and preſented him with ſeveral Relicks. On the Advices that have been brought by ſeveral Couriers from Ferrara, of Prince Eugene's having demanded Winter-quarters in that Province, a Congregation of State has been held; in which were preſent the Cardinals Acciaioli, Spada Imperiale, Panciatichi, Paulucci, and San-Ceſareo.

Madrid, September 21. The raiſing of the New Regiment of 800 Horſe, which the Queen has ſet on foot, is carried on with great Application; all the Officers, except the Major, being already named. Don Melchior d'Avellaneda is made Major General of the Army in Andalouſia, under the Marquis de Villadarias, who commands in Chief; and the Count de Lerena, is made Commiſſary General of the ſame Army. The Towns and Corporations of the Kingdom continue to ſhew their Zeal for the Defence of the Country. This City has contributed 40000 Ducats, and furniſh'd a great number of Arms. Toledo and Segovia have ſent in each a Sum of Money; and the Kingdom of Valencia has furniſh'd a great quantity of Powder, and 1500 Muſquets. We have advice that the Cavalry of Eſtramadura were drawing towards the Coaſts, and when they are joyn'd by the other Troops of the Militia, will make a Body of 10000 Men; beſides what the Marqueſs de Villadarias has already under him. Baron Bertier Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of Bavaria, who had reſided in this Court ſix Years, died on the 17th inſtant.

Paris, October 13. The Marchioneſs de Renel is brought to Bed of a Son, on whom the King has conferr'd the Government of Chaumont in Baſſigni, vacant by the Death of his Father, who was kill'd in the Battle of Luzara.

Plymouth, October 18. Yeſterday came in the Chatham Man of War from Ireland, Convoy to 25 Merchant Ships from thence, moſt of them from the Weſt and Eaſt-Indies; which ſailed directly Eaſtward, the Bonadventure being Commodore.

Weymouth, October 19. Laſt night two of the Cuſtom-houſe Scout-Boats brought in hither a Hoy of this Town with two Tuns of Wine from Guernſey; the Maſter pretends to be bound for Rotterdam, but is detain'd till the Pleaſure of the Commiſſioners be known.

London, October 22. Yeſterday one Mrs. *Bradford* a Printer in *Little-Brittain*, was committed to Newgate by Sir *Edward Clarke*, for Printing a Paper call'd, *The Dutch Catechiſm*.

For the Benefit of Mrs. *Campion*.

At the Theatre Royal in *Drury-lane*, to-morrow being the 23d day of *October*, will be preſented, a Comedy called,

The Conſtant Couple, or, *A Trip to the Jubilee*.

With a new Song by Mrs. *Campion*, and a New Dance between her and Mr. *Laferry*, never yet perform'd; and another Entry by her and others. And at the deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality, will be perform'd an Entertainment of New Inſtrumental Muſick, by Mr. *Banniſter* and others. Alſo a Dialogue between two Beaus and two Coquet Ladies; with the Dance as it was originally perform'd in the Opera call'd, *The World in the Moon*.

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When this *Courant* was firſt ſet on foot, it was judg'd proper to give the Publick a brief Account of the *Deſign* and *Method* which the Author of it propos'd to purſue in the following words,

IT will be found by the Foreign Prints, *which, as Occaſion ſhall offer, will be mention'd in this* Courant, *that the Author has taken care to be duly furniſh'd with all that come from Abroad. And for an Aſſurance, that he will not impoſe any* Feign'd Additions, *he will always quote the* Papers *from whence he makes his* Extracts, *and repreſent* Foreign Affairs *juſt as he finds them in* Foreign Prints; *that the Publick, ſeeing from what* Place *a piece of News comes, with the* Allowance

ance of the Government of that Country, *may be the better able to judge of the* Credibility *and* Fairneſs *of the Relation. By following this Method, he hopes he ſhall be thought to perform what he takes to be the* proper *and* only Buſineſs *of a* News-Writer; *firſt,* Giving the freſheſt Advices from all Quarters, *which he will certainly be able to do (let the* Poſt *arrive when it will) by coming out* Daily: *And next,* Delivering Facts as they come related, and without inclining either to one Side or the other: *And this too he will be found to do,* by repreſenting the ſame Actions, according to the different Accounts which both Sides give of them: *For which the* Papers *cited will be his* Vouchers. *And ſo having fairly related,* What *is done,* When, Where, *by* which Side *reported, and by* what Hands *tranſmitted hither; He thinks himſelf obliged not to launch out of his Province, to amuſe People with any* Comments and Reflections of his own; *but leave every Reader to* make ſuch Remarks for himſelf *as he is capable of.*

By preſcribing theſe Rules to himſelf, he thinks he has given ſufficient Security for his Impartiality; and that even the moſt Jealous will be ſatisfied that 'tis out of his Power as well as Inclination to favour any Party, or oblige one Set of Men more than another: For were he inclin'd to miſrepreſent the Actions of Friends or Enemies, by diſguiſing the Relations of them; the Foreign Papers that are quoted to every Article would diſcover his Falſe Colouring. This *is* ſo plain, that it would be trifling to enlarge upon it.

He will only add this further Account of his Method in collecting the News out of the Foreign Prints. When a Mail arrives, he firſt chooſes what appears to be of greateſt Conſequence to the preſent Poſture of Affairs in the World, having a particular regard to what may more nearly concern *England* or her Allies. Motions of Armies, and Actions of War, he thinks worth relating before other things, and at full length, from the Accounts of both Parties: Next to Actions in the Field, he takes the Counſels and Meaſures, that are concerting or reſolv'd on, in the Courts of the ſeveral Princes and States that are at Peace or War with us. Now whether the Tranſactions of moſt Importance run on our ſide, or on the Enemies; he gives them the firſt place, purely on account of their Importance, and not from any Bias to either Party. He mentions this for the ſake of certain Gentlemen, who wrote him a very angry Letter, as if it had been his fault that the Advices of the Arrival of the Plate Fleet at *Vigo*, of the Marqueſs *de Villars* paſſing the *Rhine* at *Hunningben*, of the Reimbarking of our Troops at *Cadiz*, and of the City of *Cologne's* accepting of a Neutrality, came all by one Poſt, and fill'd the next day's *Courant*. He always takes thoſe Accounts that are well warranted, rather than thoſe of more doubtful Authority; therefore he makes more uſe of the *Harlem* and *Amſterdam* Courants, than of the *Gazettes* in *French* that come from *Holland*; which are little elſe than Tranſcripts from the Dutch Prints, and if any thing ſeem rough, imperfect, or obſcure in thoſe original Accounts, commonly improve and refine them after the French Mode, to ſomething beyond what they directly import. From things of greater moment, he deſcends to thoſe of leſs importance, till he has given a thorough account of the Foreign Papers; preferring what is probable and eaſy to be believ'd, to what is more ſurprizing and unlikely, or founded only on Rumour: Not leaving out deſignedly any matter worth mentioning, nor ever repeating the ſame things again, but as being confirm'd or differently related: And as he is careful not to weave his own Sentiments with what he relates, ſo he cuts off the Remarks, that are merely Speculative, which are mix'd with the Foreign Relations of Facts. As for the News that he inſerts from private Letters, he will take care not to be impos'd on, and will leave it to the Publick to give ſuch Credit to thoſe Letters as they ſhall be found to deſerve.

This being his Method, he preſumes that Men of Underſtanding will excuſe him if he do not dreſs up a Paper with an Air of News, when there can be none; that is, after the Advices of the laſt Poſt have been fully related before: And hopes they will be contented with a ſhorter Courant, or as few Impertinencies as may be, when the Foreign Prints will not ſupply what is more to the purpoſe.

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